

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/647,480

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Quang N. Nguyen

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 09/17/2007.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 7-9.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material


5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____


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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-3 and 7-9 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In interpreting the currently amended claims, in light of the specification, the Examiner finds the claimed invention to be patentably distinct from the prior art of records.

The prior art of records does not expressly teach or render obvious the invention as claimed in independent claims 1-3 and 7-9. Specially, the features as recited in independent claims 1-3 and 7-9 *"when the first computer of the printed matter preparer designates the IP address allocated to the printing apparatus of the printed matter customer and issues a command for outputting the printing information, the gateway server issues a command for outputting the printing information via the internet to the printing apparatus of the printed matter customer", and "when the second computer of the printed matter customer designates the IP address allocated to the second computer and issues a command for outputting the printing information via the internet to the gateway server, the gateway server issues a command for outputting the printing information stored in the memory storing means to the printing apparatus of the printed matter customer via the internet"*, when taken in the context of the claims as a whole, were not uncovered in the prior art of records.

Nor were the prior art of records uncovered that would have provided a basis of evidence for asserting a motivation that one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, knowing of a printing system and method in this specific environment, would have integrated or modified to teach the printing system and method, wherein *when the second computer of the printed matter customer designates the IP address allocated to the second computer and issues a command for outputting the printing information via the internet to the gateway server, the gateway server issues a command for outputting the printing information stored in the memory storing means to the printing apparatus of the printed matter customer via the internet*, including all other specific features as recited in the context of independent claims 1-3 and 7-9.

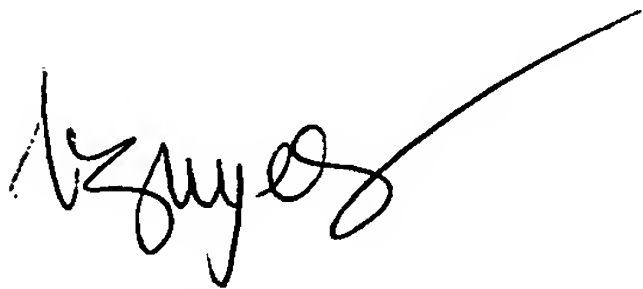
3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should clearly labeled "Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quang N. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3886.

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